

The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2023
3:00-5:00 P.M.
ONLINE

(Pending approval at the August 29, 2023, Faculty Senate Meeting)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the March 28, 2023, Meeting Minutes

The March 28, 2023, minutes were approved.

4. President's Report

President Garnett Stokes reported the following.

- Welcome to the new and returning senators.
- There are two new Regents: Paul Blanchard and Paula Tackett.
- Kim Sanchez Rael is the new Chair of the Board of Regents.
- Regent orientation has been going on for the last couple of weeks, with more orientations to come.
- Along with the participation of the new regents, new goals for President Stokes will be developed. The goals should be intertwined with our 2040 plan.
- Strategic plans are being drawn up at Health Sciences and Athletics.
- Planning for the 2024 Legislative session has already begun.
- In this year's legislation, Higher Education fared well. UNM received some capitol funds; and increases in the Lottery Scholarship and the Opportunity Scholarship. A STEM graduate scholarship was funded. There is a lengthy report on the 2023 funding UNM received on the UNM Governmental Relations website. It includes bills that were passed that affect UNM. President Stokes encourages the Senate to invite Chief Governmental Relations Officer Mike Puelle to present a report of the sessions and outcomes.
- The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), UNM's accrediting body, site visit is on-going. It began yesterday. They are completing their report, finishing it up tomorrow.
- Last week President Stokes attended an alumni event in Washington D.C. It is an annual event that had been put on hold due to the pandemic in 2020. New Mexico's delegation spoke to the group.
- The Fiestas have returned, after being canceled in 2020. It is a student-led activity.
- There is a root beer float give-away at 11:30, tomorrow, it will be held at the cactus garden outside Zimmerman Library.

- The Women’s Golf Team achieved their 10th Mountain West (MW) title, the most in MW history.
- Lobo alumni Henrietta Mann and the KUNM radio station, were presented with National Humanities medals by President Biden.
- Two students were selected for the Goldwater Scholars; three were selected for Fullbright Scholars; and one as a Truman scholar.
- New Mexico now has the only citizen legislature in the country.
- Undergraduate researchers were showcased. They came from across a lot of disciplines.
- The amount of compensation funded by the legislature was six percent for all faculty and staff. Governor Lujan Grisham vetoed the line that said average of six percent. For I&G funded units, the formula that the legislature uses funds 80% of the cost of compensation. Negotiations for faculty compensation will be held. Guidelines were developed for staff compensation. There are several staff unions where negotiations will take place. Academic Affairs has been working on where to get the 20% for the shortfall. Administration may ask the regents for a tuition increase.
- A continuing serious issue is the need to improve faculty compensation to get to competitive levels.
- At the School of Medicine, the amount of funding they get from the state is miniscule. It comes nowhere near being able to cover the cost of a compensation increase. Auxiliaries and other places must come up with the funding themselves.
- Enrolment will be relatively flat. The hope is for an increase. Tuition not going up may influence prospective students.

The Faculty Senate President’s Report was moved to the end of the meeting.

5. Consent Agenda

Spring 2023 Degree Candidates

Curricula requests from the Curricula Committee

The consent agenda was approved.

6. Resolutions Update (BCCC Workload Resolution and Academic Freedom Resolution)

President Coleman has presented the Workload Resolution to the Provost. FS President Coleman and Provost Holloway will meet to have further discussion about the resolution.

At the last Board of Regents (BOR) meeting, the Academic Freedom Resolution was briefly discussed. It is hoped the BOR will take it up as their overall ethic.

7. 2023-2024 Faculty Senate Committee Membership

President-elect Cris Elder is making the committee assignments. Faculty Senators get first choice for committee service. Please reach out to President-elect Elder if you are interested.

8. New Certificate - Interdisciplinary Design

Megan Jacobs, Associate Professor, Honors College, presented the following request for a new Certificate in Interdisciplinary Design.

Interdisciplinary Design Certificate

- First interdisciplinary design certificate in the state.
- 12-credit transcribed undergraduate certificate
- Open to all undergraduate students currently enrolled in any college or school at the University of New Mexico in any degree program.
- Course offerings in Architecture, Art, Computer Science, Honors, and Organization, Information and Library Sciences (OILS).
- 4 courses, spanning three departments and two colleges
- Housed in Honors College

Interdisciplinary design certificate goals:

- enhance interdisciplinary design capacity in students
- help students to develop skills to frame and reframe problems that appear to be intractable and persistent
- promote competitiveness of UNM undergraduates to meet market demands in the creative technology economy
- formalize a network of UNM faculty, with a shared common goal, while enhancing their ability to act in coordinated and collaborative ways.

Interdisciplinary Design Certificate

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will develop skills in interdisciplinary design that will enhance their problem-solving skills through the lens of fine arts, organizational learning, computer science, interdisciplinary honors, and architecture.
2. Students will develop analytical skills to apply interdisciplinary design principles while conducting design practices that use ethical and culturally responsive methods.
3. Students will develop skills in community engagement, collaborative working methods, prototyping, and iterative processes to improve and reimagine communities.
4. Students will be aware of opportunities to apply interdisciplinary design as a tool to engage communities while developing communication methods to work with diverse stakeholders.

Market Survey of Stakeholders

Creative Technology:

- Meow Wolf
- RS21
- Explora
- Ideum - Experience Design Firm
- Parallel Studios

Scientific Laboratories + Foundations

- Sandia National Laboratories
- Air Force Research Laboratory
- LANL Foundation

Museums:

- NM Museum of Natural History & Science
- Georgia O'Keeffe Museum
- Albuquerque Museum

Technology Companies:

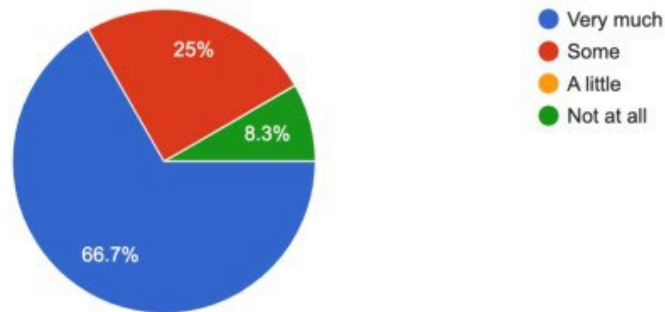
- Google
- Noventum Custom Software Development

Arts/Education:

- Santa Fe Art Institute
- New Mexico Higher Education Department
- UNM Innovation Academy
- Project ECHO

How much or little do you support the development of an Undergraduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Design?

24 responses



The new certificate was approved.

9. Old Business:

New Bachelor of Science in Chemical Biology-the New Bachelor of Science in Chemical Biology item was tabled at the March meeting. There was a motion and a second to remove the item from the table.

This degree will serve students not being served by the current offerings. It focusses much more on chemistry than Biochemistry.

Biochemistry is only offered for Biochemistry majors. Chemical Biology will serve students in Engineering, Biology, Earth and Planetary Sciences, and many others.

Dr. Jeremy Edwards, Chair of the Chemistry Department, and Dr. Karlett Para, Chair of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, met but did not come to a resolution. There have not been any updates since then.

Associate Provost Pamela Cheek added that she has encouraged conversation among both chairs. There is a potential biomedical engineering degree coming from the School of Engineering. The broad area of Chemical Biology is very important intellectually right now. There is a lot of room for research and investigation. It also gives the students more room to learn. In addition, there is potentially a lot of room for collaboration.

The question was called.

The new Bachelor of Science in Chemical Biology was approved.

10. Faculty Senate Operations Committee and President Elect Elections

President Coleman explained that there is nearly a full slate of Faculty Senators. There will be a need for faculty to make nominations for Faculty Senate President-Elect. Four people are needed for the Operations Committee. Nominations for Operations Committee and Faculty Senate President Elect are now being accepted by the University Secretary.

President Coleman stated that there are six vacancies from the College of Arts and Sciences (A&S) and encourages faculty from A&S to consider running for one of the vacant seats.

11. Faculty Senate President's Report

Faculty Senate President Finnie Coleman reported the following.

- This is the last Faculty Senate for 2022-2023.
- President Coleman will become past president and Cris Elder becomes Faculty Senate President on July 1.
- President Coleman thanked the senate.
- President Coleman was pleased that the senate made it through COVID as a body and was glad to help shape the response.
- COVID did derail several initiatives in the last few years, however.
- President Coleman thanked former FS President Pamela Pyle. She was a lion for faculty governance. He learned much from watching her.
- He thanked President Elect Elder. He will be there as past president if she needs him next year when she is president. He thanked University Secretary Nancy Middlebrook and her office. He also thanked Administrative Officer Rick Holmes.
- New Faculty Senators will be seated at First Year Family Convocation on Sunday, August 20. He encourages all new senators to attend.

12. New Business

There was no new business.

13. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.